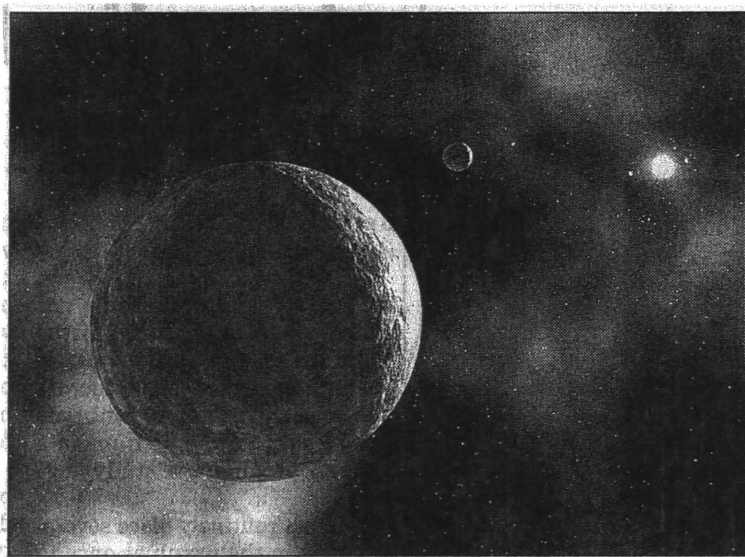


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THE SAUCER SCENE

by Carol Hilberg

IKE AND THE ALIENS?

Rick informs me that the following story is hardly new. In fact, it was first touted in UFO 'zines in the late 1950s. Anyway, it's new to me, and look how the story has been brought up-to-date by the addition of modern UFO motifs.

Fifty years ago - on Feb. 20, 1954 - President Dwight Eisenhower interrupted his vacation in Palm Springs, Calif., to make a secret nocturnal trip to a nearby Air Force base to meet two extraterrestrial aliens.

Or maybe not. Maybe Ike just went to the dentist. There's some dispute about this.

The Ike-met-with-ETs theory is advanced by Michael Salla, a former American University professor who now runs the Peace Ambassador Program at AU's Center for Global Peace.

The Ike-went-to-the-dentist theory is advanced by the folks at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene, Kan. And by James M. Mixson, a dentist, professor of dentistry and historian of presidential dental work.

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Just to make things more intriguing: On the night in question, the Associated Press reported this: "Pres. Eisenhower died tonight of a heart attack in Palm Springs."

Two minutes later, the AP retracted that bulletin and reported that Ike was still alive.

Indeed, Ike was alive. And he continued living until 1969. But in the decades since his death, his activities on the night of Feb. 20, 1954, have become fodder for strange theories about alien beings.

Some facts are beyond dispute: Eisenhower was on a golf vacation in Palm Springs on Feb. 20, 1954. After dinner that night, he made an unscheduled departure from the Smoking Tree Ranch, where he was staying. The next morning, he attended a church service in Los Angeles. Also that morning, his spokesman announced to the press that Ike had visited a dentist the previous night because he'd chipped a tooth while eating a chicken wing at dinner.

Salla, who has a PhD in government from the University of Queensland in his native Australia, doesn't believe it. He figures the dentist trip is just a cover story. He believes Ike went to Edwards Air Force Base, where he met with two ETs with white hair, pale blue eyes and colorless lips.

These aliens - nicknamed "Nordics" in UFO circles because they resemble Scandinavian humans - traveled to Edwards from another solar system in a flying saucer and, Salla says, they spoke to Eisenhower.

"There was telepathic communication," says Salla, 45, as he sits in his suburban Falls Church, Va., living room. "It's as though you're hearing a person but they're not speaking."

The "Nordics" offered to share their superior technology and their spiritual wisdom with Ike if he would agree to eliminate America's nuclear weapons.

"They were afraid we might blow up some of our nuclear technology," Salla says, "and apparently that does something to time and space and it impacts on extraterrestrial races on other planets."

Ike declined the ETs' offer, Salla says, because he did not want to give up the nukes.

Sometime later in 1954, Ike reached a deal with another race of extraterrestrials, known as the "Greys" - allowing them to capture earthling cattle and humans for medical experiments, provided that they returned the humans safely home. Since then, Salla says, the "Greys" have kidnapped "millions" of humans. Source: Peter Carlson, *The Washington Post* February 20, 2004 via Martin Piechota.

RECENT DEATHS IN THE UFO FIELD

Eileen Duplantier, wife of Canadian UFO pioneer Gene Duplantier passed away March 21st from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Eileen was a kind and intelligent woman who stayed "behind the scenes" but nevertheless assisted Gene in his long career of UFO publishing and art illustration.

J. Edward Roush, a Democrat who represented northeast Indiana in Congress for 16 years, died March 26th at the age of 83.

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Roush chaired hearings on the UFO question for the House Committee on Science and Astronautics beginning on July 29, 1968. Included in the list of speakers before the committee were: Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Carl Sagan, Dr. James Harder, Dr. James McDonald as well as several others. Congressman Donald Rumsfeld also participated and introduced Dr. Hynek to the committee. Rumsfeld is now serving in the current presidential administration.

"FLAT DISK" SPOTTED IN ALEDO, TEXAS

The witness spotted something outside on February 27, 2004, at 5:30 p.m., asked his family about a high-flying object. The second witness went outside and looked up to see an object floating along at a leisurly pace. The object would waiver back and forth showing that it was a flat disk. "I watched it for about 10 minutes before it floated quite high and became very hard to see. I wouldn't be reporting this except for the fact that this object seemed to be rather large, and it was a disk shape. There were no lights at all on the object, no sound, and it had a shiny metallic skin. I think there was a design on the flat face of the object, but I couldn't make it out." Source: George Filer, "Filer's Files" #12 - 2004.

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by Rick Hilberg

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"SAUCERS" INTERRUPT SKYWATCH IN FLORIDA

On Friday, March 26, 2004, eyewitness Jill E. reported, "At approximately 7:50 p.m., while trying the five-planet alignment over the moon, my 13-year-old son and I noticed two saucer-like shapes heading towards us," as they were facing Palma Sola Bay in Bradenton, Florida, located 20 miles south of St. Petersburg.

"They were appearing to be racing one another but side by side, sometimes crossing each other's path," Jill reported. "They were quite large, no blinking lights, no sound at all, greyish in color.

"When they were positioned just under the moon, they turned sharply and headed south. It looked like they briefly slowed down over the baseball park (the park lights were on) and then rapidly headed southbound, remaining next to one another but occasionally crossing paths.

"While they were side-by-side, they were in identical formation and going at the same speeds. Once or twice, when they crossed, it seemed that they got out of sync but quickly went side-by-side again. We watched them head south until we could see them no longer from our balcony.

"The sky was quite clear, some small, light clouds, the temperature approximately 73 degrees, a light breeze coming off the bay.

"The shape of the crafts was almost almond, with some type of haze surrounding them, moving very, very rapidly. There were some distant planes in the sky, but none were moving at any rate close to the speed these two crafts were going.

"I had a small map of the planet alignment that I was holding up and trying to relate Jupiter and Saturn to the left of the moon. My son first saw the objects and yelled at me to put the paper down. They approached from the west directly towards us but underneath the moon and definitely closer to us than the planets and the stars. I would say that they were much larger than a plane that's far away, and in the width especially. I would venture a guess that they were maybe around an altitude of 40,000 feet. They darted up and down and horizontally in front of us for less than a minute and then darted towards the baseball park, where they didn't go directly over but more to the north side. Almost as if they hovered and then sharply flew north for a moment and then took a serious turn and headed south very quickly."

Jill described the saucers as "greyish, illuminated from inside, with no lights or trails, just surrounded by a brownish haze of sorts." Source: Joseph Trainor, "UFO Roundup" Vol 9 No 14.

DISK FOLLOWS CAR IN SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO

Around 11 p.m. on Friday night, March 19, 2004, three friends decided to go to a local pub and were driving west on US Route 6 towards Lorain at about 35 mph in light traffic. "The road follows the southern shore of Lake Erie, homes line both sides of the road, and those on our right have the lake as their backyard." Two friends were in the first vehicle and a friend was following. They could see a very bright white light ahead on the right in a cluster of trees. They thought it might be a medical helicopter traveling along the shoreline but it was not moving. "As we cleared the trees there it was about 50 feet above the lake right next to a large house." There was a very bright white light but as they

got closer they could make out faintly in the light a saucer-shaped object with a dome on top and one red and blue light below it, steady not flashing. The light was very intense yet gave no reflection, not on the house or on the ground. The witness states, "I'm still driving westbound in some traffic, I slowed down and want to stop but unless you go into a driveway you can't. Then the object started moving, pacing us at about 30 m.p.h., still maintaining its position over the shore line and going behind houses for thirty minutes, yet no reflection on anything." It looked to be about 20 to 25 feet in diameter and did not change its appearance. "My friend said, 'Be careful driving,' since I was staring at the UFO.

"All of a sudden a feeling of fear came over me, not just being afraid but near terror. I was driving OK, and leaving about seven or eight car lengths behind the car in front because I was trying to make out exactly what the shape within that light was and keeping along side of it. Then, I thought what's with this fear. Then the fear left and I had a feeling of contentment. We watched the ship the whole time, and after about 5 blocks, we made the one traffic light, the UFO started to speed up and flew faster and faster heading west and climbing until its light became a pinpoint. The climb was very gradual as it accelerated away very smoothly. The person following us didn't see a thing. The geographical location is near Avon Point on Lake Erie. I downed a drink as soon as we got to the pub." Source: George Filer, "Filer's Files" #15-2004.

STRANGE SIGHTINGS IN DANVILLE, KENTUCKY

On Thursday, March 18, 2004, at 9:45 p.m., Rob P. was sitting on his patio when he saw a strange object in the sky approaching from the south.

"A boomerang-shaped object caught my eye as I was outside on my back patio smoking a cigarette," Rob reported. "It was faint and hard to see. I could not tell if it was low enough to be picking up ambient lighting from the city streets here where I live, or if it was emitting a faint glow of its own.

"Well, it's hard to describe how it appeared...it looked like a made object, not an animal flying. It took a very straight path in the sky and traversed the whole sky in around 15 seconds. No sound. So, if it was some kind of craft or plane, and it had conventional earthly engines we are used to, it was way too high for me to hear, meaning that it was indeed flying at some crazy speed close to 2,000 m.p.h. Weird!

"I have never seen anything like this before. The fastness of the object made it even eerier. I am dumbfounded. The object traveled in what looked like a perfect northerly heading. Forty-five seconds after this, as I scanned the sky wanting to catch sight of this object again, a second object came into view.

"It came from the direction (north) that this object was headed towards. At first I really thought it was a shooting star. I noticed the coincidence of it happening right after me seeing the first object.

"The second object seemed to move at the same speed as the first, which was really fast. The way it faded into view really lended to my thinking that it was a shooting star coming into the atmosphere. The object looked like the first one for about two seconds. But then, as it got overhead of me, it turned red in color and changed course with what looked like a 90-degree turn towards the east. It then continued east for about one second and then faded quickly from view.

"I have never, ever seen a meteor make a turn before. I have seen

them come into the atmosphere and slow down, turn colors, explode leaving trails of sparkles, but never, ever change course, especially a 90-degree turn."

Rob said the UFO was "larger than a normal aircraft, about six times as large as a passenger aircraft flying at 35,000 feet." Source: Joseph Trainor, "UFO Roundup" Vol 9 No 12.

"AIRPLANE WITH NO WINGS" SPOTTED IN MARIETTA, GEORGIA

On March 10, 2004 a couple was driving north on Johnson Ferry Road at about 2:20 p.m., and looked east out the window into the clear blue sky and due east was a silver airplane with no wings. "The sky around it shimmered in kind of a circular pattern. It didn't seem to be moving at all, and there was no sound. After watching a couple of minutes, I wondered why I couldn't see the wings. I'm slightly nearsighted (20/40) so I put on my glasses to see it better. It looked the same - still no wings. I watched about another 30 seconds or so; then it disappeared as I watched. It didn't get smaller like it was going away, nor did it go behind a cloud. It just kind of clicked off. I told my husband that I think I just saw a UFO. We got home about five minutes later and heard jets overhead." Source: George Filer, "Filer's Files" #14-2004.

ANOTHER AIRPLANE WITHOUT WINGS - THIS TIME IN SEATTLE, WA

The observer was driving south on I-5 and noticed a jet flying east across the sky when another jet appeared without wings at 1 p.m. on March 8, 2004. "As I watched it more, there was no jet, and the trail wasn't getting any longer. It was completely horizontal and fairly high in the sky, and as I looked at it more over a period of about a minute, I swear it looked like a perfect row of small windows going down the length of it. It also seemed to have a perfect, long, cylindrical shape, with the windows going down the middle. I could tell it was cylindrical because the top and bottom kind of faded as if there was some roundness to the object. I couldn't tell how high it was in the sky, but the object looked enormous. After about two minutes of watching, the object performed a four second fade out from being completely visible to disappearing completely. I've never witnessed the trail of a jet disappear that quick after being visible for that long." Source: George Filer, "Filer's Files" #14-2004.

OBJECT "BUZZES" DRIVERS IN AUSTRALIA

On Saturday, March 27, 2004, at 8:15 p.m., eyewitness T.B.W. reported: "I was driving north in my car and was probably around half a kilometer from the intersection with Main North Road in Templers, a small town near Gawler, South Australia. The object flashed across the intersection at the top of the trees, but the glow from it did not reach the road. The object appeared to be 20 meters off the ground, judging by the height of the trees.

"The road is straight. A truck was traveling ahead of me, and the object caused him to brake suddenly, although he drove off quickly and didn't stop. I pulled over and got out. Other people who were in their garden came out and stood with me in the road, while it flew off to the west over farmland, keeping level with the ground as far as I can tell. There was no sound from the object.

"It seemed to be round like a ball, glowing white like phosphorescence. There was a crescent moon in the sky, and the object seemed to be about the size of a newly-risen full moon." Source: Joseph Trainor, "UFO Roundup" Vol 9 No 14.

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